

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (e) Central Bureau of Investigation has informed that they have registered two cases against the two firms and some officials of Safdarjung Hospital. The cases are still under investigation of Central Bureau of Investigation. The extent of loss and other details including persons responsible can be assessed only after the probe is completed. Further action in this matter, if any, will be taken after receipt of the Report of Central Bureau of Investigation.

Liability for sterilisation operations

2249. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to file a revision petition in the Supreme Court against its recent judgement which fixed responsibility on doctors for the success or failure of sterilisation operations; and

(b) if so, Government's stand on doctors' liability as well as rightful compensation due to victims for wrongful surgery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The Government is studying the judgement and various representations received from State Governments to take a view in the matter.

Controlling Depression

2250. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Depression Ka Kahar", published in the Nav Bharat Times dated 22nd June, 2000;

(b) if so, whether doctors warned in a seminar that depression is second fatal disease in the century after heart attack;

(c) the reasons of being prey to this disease;

(d) the evils of depression; and